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X: LEWIS, FULTON
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CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

State Chairman_____

Radio Moscow, Tass, and Izvestia have quoted from a Fulton Lewis, Jr. broadcast and syndicated news column in which he attacks Radio Free Europe and the Free Europe Committee.

These Communist organs—Radio Moscow, Tass and Izvestia—are part of the Soviet propaganda machinery that for years has been attacking these anti-Communist American agencies.

The Communists would like to destroy these anti-Communist agencies that are supported by voluntary financial contributions from residents of the Free World. Mr. Lewis' attacks against these anti-Communists voices of the Free World are now reported in the Communist controlled press and radio in an attempt to discredit America's effective anti-Communist campaign.

I was one of the founders in 1949 of the Free Europe Committee. I have been associated with it continually since that time. Among its directors and sponsors are men prominent in America. I am proud to be associated with them. These men are guided only by patriotic motives. They hate—and they fight—Communism. They love America. I am one of them.

Radio Free Europe is one of the most effective instrumentalities of the Free World in reaching people behind the Iron Curtain. Its policies and programs are designed to further the aims of the United States and its allies, and to combat Communism in all its forms. It has the support of millions of Americans. Inasmuch that Radio Free

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Europe in any way serves the purposes of Communism is false. Repetition of such innuendo spreads misinformation to Americans and may even dissuade some from supporting Radio Free Europe's anti-Communist crusade—truly an objective of the Soviet Union.

Radio Free Europe has from time to time encountered difficulties with respect to personnel and organization, as would be expected in any enterprise. It is not perfect but aims at perfection. Radio Free Europe always has taken and will continue to take appropriate steps to rid itself of such difficulties as soon as they are discovered. It is continually improving.

The Free Europe Committee is made up of men whose patriotism and integrity cannot be questioned. Under their direction, you may be sure that Radio Free Europe will continue to spread the message of democracy to all people behind the Iron Curtain. Insinuations directed against this organization can only serve to hamper this vitally important American crusade. No American should be found on the Communist side in this effort of Radio Free Europe to tell the truth to the enslaved Communists behind the Iron Curtain.

ARTHUR PAGE
President

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